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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 3

20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andoh et al (US. PAT. NO. 4,044,349 hereinafter Andoh).

Figs. 1, 2 of Andoh discloses a plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes (X and Y electrodes) provided apart from one another and a ground power source, and performing display by generating a discharge between the first and second electrodes, the plasma display panel device comprising a drive circuit (driver 112) that connects the first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from the ground power source or the drive circuit that changes the first and second electrodes from a state of being connected to a first or/and second power sources different from the ground power source to a state of being connected to a second or/and third or/and fourth power sources different from the ground power source so as to apply a drive voltage between the two electrodes when drive voltage pulses are to be applied between the first and second electrodes (see Fig. 4 and col. 5, line 53 to col. 6, line 46).

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3. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakuma (US. PAT. NO. 4,384,287).

Sakuma discloses a plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes (301, 302) provided apart from one another and a ground power source, and performing display by generating a discharge between the first and second electrodes, the plasma display panel device comprising a drive circuit (Fig. 6) that connects the first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from the ground power source or the drive circuit that changes the first and second electrodes from a state of being connected to a first or/and second power sources different from the ground power source to a state of being connected to a second or/and third or/and fourth power sources different from the ground power source so as to apply a drive voltage between the two electrodes when drive voltage pulses are to be applied between the first and second electrodes (see Figs. 6-12 and col. 5, lines 14-45, col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 20).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Regina Liang whose telephone number is (703) 305-4719. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (703) 305-4709.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
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